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Examiner: L. D. Ferguson

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For : PANEL AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A PANEL

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants respectfully bring the following documents, listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application:

(1) German Federal Patent Court Proceeding regarding German Pat. No. DE 102 52 866, pronounced on March 8, 2007. An English-language translation of the document is also included herewith.

(2) Japanese Pat. No. 11-291203, published October 26, 1999. For the Examiner's convenience, an English-language abstract and an English-language translation of the entire document are included herewith.

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(3) Boehme, Christian: Die Bedeutung des Rohdichteprofiles für MDF, Mobil Holzwerkstoff Symposium, June 7, 1991, Bad Griesbach. Applicants submit that a concise

explanation of the relevance of this document, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i), is that this document is listed as a publication involved in the German Federal Patent Court Proceeding (i.e., item #1, above). More specifically, in this document it is pointed out that an optimal raw density profile is symmetric to the middle layer of the panel. On the first page of text, it is said that during the pressing process of the fibers a special raw density profile is created. At paragraph 3 of page 3, it is stated that there is a known method to produce MDF-boards with a steam injection method, so that the panels have a more or less constant raw density, which can be seen in Figure 5.

(4) DE 100 01 585 A1, published July 19, 2001. An English-language abstract is provided with this document.

(5) MDF – Mitteldichte Faserplatten, published 1996. Applicants submit that a concise explanation of the relevance of this document, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i), is that this document discloses that a fiber mat is introduced into a steam press (“Dampfpressen”), either from one side or both sides of the press surfaces. A resin-water mixture can be sprayed on one side of the fiber mat, the result of which is a compressed cover layer.

(6) Austrian Pat. No. E 57 133 B, published March 9, 1988. An English-language abstract is provided with this document.

(7) EP 0 548 758 A1, published June 30, 1993. An English-language abstract is provided with this document.

(8) Installation eines WEKO Rotorenfeucht-Systems in einer MDF Produktionsanlage, published April 27, 2001. Applicants submit that a concise explanation of the relevance of this document, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i), is that this document discloses machines with

which it is possible to spray the fiber mat with water or a mixture of water and additives, and that it is possible to spray the fiber mat before the press operation.

Copies of the non-U.S. Patent documents are enclosed herewith. However, pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the cited/listed U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the Applicants is aware.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

Applicants note that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after receipt of the first action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and prior to the mailing date of either a final rejection under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311. Accordingly, submitted herewith is payment in the amount of \$180.00 to ensure consideration of the enclosed documents under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c).

However, if the payment is missing from this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees necessary to ensure consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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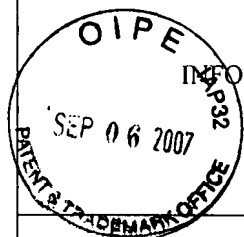
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		German Federal Patent Court Proceeding regarding German Pat. No. DE 102 52 866, pronounced on March 8, 2007, and English-language translation
		English language abstract of JP 11-290203.
		Boehme, Christian: Die Bedeutung des Rohdichteprofiles für MDF, Mobil Holzwerkstoff Symposium, June 7, 1991, Bad Griesbach.
		English language abstract of DE 10001585.
		MDF – Mitteldichte Faserplatten, published 1996.
		English language abstract of EP 0548758.
		English language abstract of Austria 57133.
		Installation eines WEKO Rotorenfeucht-Systems in einer MDF Produktionsanlage, published April 27, 2001.

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*EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.